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APPOINTMENTS

Bob Kerbel (Department of Medical Biophysics) has been named to the recently approved Joint Sunnybrook Health Science Centre/University of Toronto Tory Family Chair in Oncology.

Bernie Liebgott has been appointed Acting Chair of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology from April 1 to June 30, 1993.

Walter Rosser (Department of Family and Community Medicine) will represent the Faculty on the Program Planning Committee of St. Michael's Hospital. This committee will receive the reports of various sub-committees that have been charged with developing plans to implement the hospital's Strategic Plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MSB HOT WATER SHUTDOWN

In order for repairs to be made to the MSB hot water system, hot water will be shut down on Wednesday, February 3, 1993, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For the duration of this shutdown, no hot water will be available to the Medical Sciences building. Please take action to protect equipment and/or experiments requiring hot water during this outage. For further information, please contact the shift engineer at 978-8662.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REQUIRES VOLUNTEERS

The process of reviewing applications for admission to the 1993-94 medical class is underway. As part of the process, the Admissions Committee requires faculty members to read applicants' autobiographical letters and letters of reference. Readers are provided with a group of 25 and a timeframe of 10 days is allowed for completion. Past readers have found that this task takes approximately three to four hours. The reading of autobiographical letters and letters of reference begins at the end of January and continues until June. All members of the Faculty are encouraged to assist in this process. Contact Jane Murray, Admissions Officer, 978-2715, for more information.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

The Provost has appointed a committee to recommend policy establishing a University-wide framework for clinical appointments. (At the present time, clinical appointments are excluded from certain rules and regulations that regulate academic appointments

under the University Policy and Procedures on Academic Appointments.) In order to accomplish its task, the committee will consult with all Health Sciences divisions (Faculties of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and the School of Physical and Health Education) as well as other units of the University where research and teaching may involve clinical settings, e.g. Faculty of Social Work. The committee is chaired by Richard Ten Cate and members are Marian Bogo (Faculty of Social Work), David Cook (Vice Provost, Health Sciences), Gail Donner (Faculty of Nursing), Bob Haslam (Department of Pediatrics), David Keeling (Faculty Administrative Officer), David Mock (Faculty of Dentistry), Arthur Slutsky (Department of Medicine), and Nancy Winslade, Faculty of Pharmacy). Beata Fitzpatrick (Assistant Vice-Provost, Health Sciences) is the committee's secretary.

OCGS REVIEW OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY

The M.H.Sc. program of the Graduate Department of Speech Pathology was reviewed by Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS) on May 11-12, 1992. The Council, at its meeting of January 15, 1993, formally approved the program as of GOOD QUALITY (previously termed an "A" rating) and approved the commencement of the part-time option.

ELECTIONS FOR ACADEMIC BOARD

David Tinker (Department of Biochemistry), Tony Miller (Department of Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics), and Larry Roy (Department of Anesthesia) have been acclaimed to Academic Board for three year terms beginning July 1, 1993. (One of these individuals will be invited to begin their term early and fill the vacancy that expires June 30, 1993.)

Our current Academic Board membership is Marvin Gold (Department of Medical Genetics), Avrum Gotlieb (Department of Pathology), Bob Haslam (Department of Pediatrics), Alan Hudson (Department of Surgery), Larry Librach (Department of Family and Community Medicine), Knox Ritchie (Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology), Harvey Skinner (Department of Behavioral Science), Ian Taylor (Department of Anatomy), and Cecil Yip (Banting and Best Department of Medical Research). The terms of Bob Haslam, Larry Librach, and Ian Taylor end on June 30, 1993. Two seats are still open - one from July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1996 and the other beginning immediately and continuing to June 30, 1995. Nominations for these open seats will be open until

Friday, February 5 at noon. Nomination forms are available from Room 106, Simcoe Hall. Nominations will not be accepted from candidates in the Departments of Anesthesia, Banting and Best Department of Medical Research, Behavioral Science, Biochemistry, Medical Genetics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pathology, Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics, and Surgery.

BIOMEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS RECOGNIZED

Our Division of Biomedical Communications, Department of Surgery, was recently awarded "Recognition" by the Accreditation Review Committee for the Medical Illustrator (ARC-MI) of the Association of Medical Illustrators (AMI). Representatives of ARC-MI and the American Medical Association (AMA) conducted an on-site review of the BMC program in December 1992. The B.Sc.BMC program was considered to be in complete compliance with the "Essentials for an Accredited Educational Program for the Medical Illustrator in North America". The review team, consisting of educators from the University of Illinois and Johns Hopkins University, and a representative of the AMA, judged the level of quality of the faculty, the instruction, the curriculum design, and the students' output as equivalent to present-day accredited master's degree programs in medical illustration in the United States (BMC is the only Canadian program).

NEW POLICY ON ENDOWED CHAIRS

Governing Council recently approved a revised policy on Endowed Chairs, Professorships, Lectureships, and Programs. Guidelines for joint chairs (those established with affiliated institutions such as teaching hospitals) were included for the first time. Two such chairs, the Tory Family Chair in Oncology at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre and a Chair in Medicine at St. Michael's Hospital, were recently approved under this new policy. This revised policy attempts to create a climate to encourage private gifts, in line with our University's increased emphasis on development.

AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS TO BE REVISED

The University of Toronto and TAHSC (Toronto Academic Health Science Council) have formed a joint committee to recommend a model University-Hospital Affiliation Agreement. Members of the committee representing the University are Arnie Aberman, Dot Pringle (Dean, Faculty of Nursing), and Richard Ten Cate (Vice Provost, Health Sciences). Representing TAHSC are Peter Ellis (CEO, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre), Alan Hudson (CEO, The Toronto Hospital), and David Martin (CEO, Hospital For Sick Children).

LEYERLE WORKING GROUP ISSUES FIRST REPORT

The Leyerle Working Groups issued, on December 22, 1992, a preliminary report. The Working Groups, formed in response to the report of the Presidential Commission on the Future of Health Care in Ontario (Ten Cate Report), are addressing four questions: What should the Reporting Structure of the Health Science Faculties be?; How can the Health Science Faculties work more closely together to better

accomplish the University's mission of research and education?; Should the Faculty of Medicine be restructured? and Should the University establish a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree? A second report will be issued in March/April.

EXTERNAL REVIEWS

External reviews of two of our units are scheduled for February - the Department of Medical Genetics (February 22 and 23) and the Division of Physical Therapy (February 25 and 26). Barbara Sutton of the Dean's Office (978-6500) is responsible for organizing our Faculty's external reviews which are usually held at the end of a Chair's or Director's term of office.

NATIVE HEALTH PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTED

The January 25 issue of The Varsity had a news feature on our programs for Aboriginal Peoples. The Faculty has a program to encourage Aboriginal applicants to the M.D. program. Chan Shah of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics organizes an Annual Visiting Lectureship on Native Health. The Department of Family And Community Medicine has developed a number of initiatives including an Aboriginal Health Fellowship for residents with a particular interest in aboriginal health.

OUR ERROR

The January 25 *FAXulty OF MEDICINE* did not correctly identify members of the advisory committee to recommend the Director of the Multi-Organ Transplant Committee. The committee is chaired by Jennifer Sturgess (Associate Dean, Research). Members are Arnie Aberman, Alan Hudson (CEO, The Toronto Hospital), Eliot Phillipson (Department of Medicine), Malcolm Silver (Department of Pathology), Marc Shulman (Department of Immunology), John Wedge (Department of Surgery) and Rick Miller (Department of Medical Biophysics). The committee welcomes nominations and comments. These may be addressed to any member of the committee or write to Arnie Aberman, Chair, Advisory Committee for Director of the Multi-Organ Transplantation Program, c/o Anna Perry, Room 2261, Medical Sciences Building. Nominations will close on Friday, February 12, 1993.

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